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From: Officer-in-Charge, U.S. Naval Medical Research Center

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Subj: PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5100.23 Series

- (b) 29 CFR 1910
- (c) ANSI Z87.1, Eye and Face Protection
- (d) ANSI Z89.1, Head Protection
- (e) ANSI Z41, Foot Protection
- 1. <u>Purpose</u>. To establish a Command Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Program for the protection of personnel in areas identified as requiring protective equipment.
- 2. <u>Background</u>. The NAVOSH Program requires the establishment of a Personal Protective Equipment Program per reference (a) through (e). Many of the repair and maintenance activities performed at this Command generate hazards, which can be dangerous to employees. The best way to protect employees from exposure to hazard is through engineering controls. However, the use of engineering controls may not always be technologically or economically feasible. In these situations, personnel exposed to hazards will use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- 3. Scope. Personnel working in areas identified by the Safety Office and/or Industrial Hygiene Survey as being potentially hazardous and requiring the use of PPE is subject to this instruction. Employees, inspectors and visitors who must enter identified areas where the use of PPE is required are also subject to this instruction. PPE included in this instruction are:
 - a. Eye and Face Protection.
 - b. Respiratory Protection.
 - c. Head Protection.
 - d. Foot Protection.
 - e. Earing Protection.

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- f. Splash Protection
- g. Heat and Cold Exposure Protection
- h. Hand and Extremity Protection.
- i. Electrical Protective Devices.
- 4. Policy. It is the policy of this Command to provide a healthy and hazard free environment. However, certain procedures cannot be made less hazardous. This Command shall provide, free of charge, PPE that meets NAVOSH standards, to all employees required to work in areas that require PPE. In accordance with reference (a) this Command will only issue PPE to employees performing operations identified by the Industrial Hygiene Survey and/or the Safety Officer to be health hazards or working in areas or performing operations suspected by the Safety Officer to be health hazards, but where adequate sampling data has not been obtained.

5. Responsibility.

- a. Safety Officer shall ensure that an Industrial Hygiene Survey is conducted at least annually identifying the areas where PPE is required. The Safety Officer shall notify work centers of PPE requirements.
- b. Work Center supervisors shall submit to the Safety Officer a list of personnel involved in identified risk operations to be enrolled in the Personnel Protective Equipment Program.
- c. Command Medical Officer shall enroll, screen and monitor the medical status of personnel enrolled in the program. The Command Medical Officer shall maintain records of all personnel enrolled in the Protective Equipment Program for the period required by reference (a).
- d. Employees identified and enrolled in a PPE program shall wear their Command-issued equipment when working a hazard area or as required and recommended by the IH Survey or Safety Officer. Documentation of non-use of PPE shall be done by the work center supervisor and made a permanent entry in the employee's file.
- 6. <u>Training</u>. Training will be provided to all PPE users in accordance with reference (a). Training should include the

care, cleaning, and maintenance of equipment. Documentation of such training shall be maintained by the work center supervisors and made part of the permanent employee record and a copy forwarded to the Safety Officer.

- 7. <u>Action</u>. The Officer-in-Charge, the Safety Officer and the work center supervisors shall maintain a comprehensive Personal Protective Equipment Program that:
- a. Implements the policy stated in paragraph (4) of this instruction.
- b. Ensures effective management of resources to provide a safe, healthful environment and minimize risks through the use of PPE.
- c. Ensure proper training is included with the issuance of PPE.
- d. Emphasizes the importance of using PPE in Hazard identified areas.

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